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CRITERIA FOR PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP TO SC/ST STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for providing scholarship by the Union Government to the students of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes after matriculation for various classes, courses, technical and training courses allongwith the amount of scholarships being provided to such students in different States, State-wise;

(b) whether the existing amount of scholarship is very meager in view of the rising cost of providing food, school fees, books etc; and

(c) if so, the time by which the said amount of scholarship is likely to be increased?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) & (c) Under the Centrally sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste students a proposal to revise the rates of maintenance allowance and other norms of the scheme is being considered.

Similarly for revision of the scheme for Scheduled Tribes, Ministry of Tribal Affairs is processing the matter.

Statement in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 45 for 20.02.2003 by Shri Kailash Meghwal regarding Criteria for providing scholarship to SC/ST students.

(I) The following is the criteria to be fulfilled for receiving scholarship under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes:-

(i) All recognised post matriculation courses pursued in India in recognised institutions are covered.

(ii) Scholarship is provided to such students who fulfill the following means test:-

Annual Income Ceiling Admissibility of Scholarship

Rs. 49,000/- Full maintenance allowance and full fee
Rs. 65,290/-
(i) Full maintenance allowance and full fee for courses in Group `A`.

(ii) Half maintenance allowance and full fee for courses in Groups# B, C, D & E

Details of courses under Groups A to E

Groups Courses in brief

`A` Degree and Post Graduation level courses in Medical (including B.A M & S. etc.). Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary Science, Fisheries etc.
`B` Diploma level courses in Medical, Engg. etc. Commercial Pilot Licence course, Degree and Post Graduation levels courses in Business Admn., Nursing/Pharmacy etc. Post graduate courses in Science subjects. Other diploma courses in professional and technical subjects.
`C` Certificate courses in Engg./Technology etc. Diploma courses in Agriculture, Pharmacy, Veterinary Science, Fisheries, Dairy Development etc. Degree/Post-graduate and Diploma

courses in Teacher`s Training, Library Science, Physical Education etc. Post-Graduate courses in Arts and Commerce subjects.
`D` General courses upto Graduate level (2nd year and onwards)
`E` Classes XI and XII in 10+2 system, Intermediate courses and first year of general courses upto graduate level.

II. The value of scholarship under the scheme includes maintenance allowance, provision for students with disabilities, reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees, Study Tour Charges, Thesis Typing/Printing Charges and book allowance for students pursuing correspondence courses, for complete duration of the course. The details are given below:

(i) Maintenance allowance

The details of maintenance allowance rates, as applicable w.e.f. 1.10.95, are given below: -

(Rs. per Month)

# Group	Maintenance Allowance w.e.f. 1.10.95	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
A	425	190
B	290	190
C	290	190
D	230	120
E	150	90

(ii) Reimbursement of fees
The scheme also provides for reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees charged by the institutions.

(iii) Study tour charges
Study tour charges upto Rs.500/- per annum, are also provided under the scheme for students pursuing professional and technical courses.

(iv) Thesis typing/printing charges

Thesis typing/printing charges upto a maximum of Rs.600/- are also paid to the research scholars.

(v) Allowance for students pursuing correspondence courses

The students pursuing correspondence courses including distance and continuing education, are eligible for an annual allowance of Rs.500/- for obtaining essential/prescribed books, besides reimbursement of their course fees.

(vi) Additional provisions for SC and ST students with disabilities

The following additional provisions for SC and ST students with disabilities, are applicable w.e.f. 1.4.98: -

a. Reader Allowance for blind Scholars

Level of Course	Reader Allowance (Rs. per month)
Group A.B.C	150
Group D	125
Group E	100

b. Provision of transport allowance upto Rs.100 per month for disabled students, if such a student does not reside in the hostel, which is within the premises of educational institution.

c. Escort Allowance of Rs.100/- per month for severely handicapped day scholar students with low extremity disability.

d. Special Pay of Rs.100/- per month be admissible to any employee of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopaedically handicapped student residing in hostel of an educational institution, who may need the assistance of a helper.

e. Allowance of Rs.150/- per month towards extra coaching to mentally retarded and mentally ill students

The provisions in (b) to (d) will also apply to such leprosy -cured students.

The disabled students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes covered under the Scheme can also get such additional benefits from other Schemes, which are not covered under the scheme. The disability as defined under the said Act has to be certified by competent medical authority of the State Govt./UT Administration.